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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing free motor vehicle registration for certain
2 disabled veterans.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.34, subsection 12A, paragraph b,
1 2 Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 b. An owner of a vehicle referred to in subsection 12 who
1 4 applies for any type of special registration plates associated
1 5 with service in the United States armed forces shall be issued
1 6 one set of the special registration plates at no charge and
1 7 subject to no annual registration fee if the owner is eligible
1 8 for, but has relinquished to the department or the county
1 9 treasurer or has not been issued, medal of honor registration
1 10 plates under subsection 8 or disabled veteran registration
1 11 plates under section 321.105, subsection 5 or 6.
1 12 Sec. 2. Section 321.105, Code 2009, is amended by adding
1 13 the following new subsection:
1 14 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. A veteran with a service-connected
1 15 disability rated at fifty percent or higher shall be exempt
1 16 from payment of the annual registration fee provided in this
1 17 chapter for one vehicle, and shall be provided, without fee,
1 18 with one set of regular registration plates or one set of any
1 19 type of special registration plates associated with service in
1 20 the United States armed forces for which the disabled veteran
1 21 qualifies under section 321.34. The disabled veteran, to be
1 22 able to claim the benefit, must be a resident of the state of
1 23 Iowa. In lieu of the set of regular or special military
1 24 registration plates available without fee, the disabled
1 25 veteran may obtain a set of nonmilitary special registration
1 26 plates or personalized plates issued under section 321.34 by
1 27 paying the additional fees associated with those plates.
1 28 Sec. 3. Section 321.166, subsection 6, Code 2009, is
1 29 amended to read as follows:
1 30 6. Registration plates issued to a disabled veteran under
1 31 the provisions of section 321.105, subsection 5 or 6, shall
1 32 display the alphabetical characters "DV" which shall precede
1 33 the registration plate number. The plates may also display a
1 34 persons with disabilities parking sticker if issued to the
1 35 disabled veteran by the department under section 321L.2.
2 1 Sec. 4. Section 321L.2, subsection 1, paragraph a,
2 2 subparagraph (2), is amended to read as follows:
2 3 (2) Persons with disabilities parking sticker. An
2 4 applicant who owns a motor vehicle for which the applicant has
2 5 been issued registration plates under section 321.34 or
2 6 registration plates as a ~~seriously~~ disabled veteran under
2 7 section 321.105, subsection 5 or 6, may apply to the
2 8 department for a persons with disabilities parking sticker to
2 9 be affixed to the plates. The persons with disabilities
2 10 parking stickers shall bear the international symbol of
2 11 accessibility.
2 12 Sec. 5. Section 321L.2, subsection 5, Code 2009, is
2 13 amended to read as follows:
2 14 5. A seriously disabled veteran who has been provided with
2 15 an automobile or other vehicle by the United States government
2 16 under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. } 1901 et seq. (1970) is not
2 17 required to apply for a persons with disabilities parking
2 18 permit under this section unless the veteran has been issued
2 19 special registration plates or personalized plates for the
2 20 vehicle. The regular registration plates issued for the

2 21 disabled veteran's vehicle without fee pursuant to section
2 22 321.105, subsection 5, entitle the disabled veteran to all of
2 23 the rights and privileges associated with persons with
2 24 disabilities parking permits under this chapter.

2 25 EXPLANATION

2 26 This bill provides that a veteran of the United States
2 27 armed forces with a service-connected disability rated at 50
2 28 percent or higher is exempt from the payment of annual
2 29 registration fees for one vehicle. The veteran is entitled to
2 30 one set of disabled veteran registration plates to be issued
2 31 free of charge. Currently, disabled veteran registration
2 32 plates are available only to seriously disabled veterans who
2 33 have been provided with an automobile or other vehicle by the
2 34 United States government. The veteran may substitute any of
2 35 the special plates associated with military service in lieu of
3 1 the disabled veteran plates without additional fee, or the
3 2 veteran may substitute a set of personalized plates or
3 3 nonmilitary special plates upon payment of the additional fees
3 4 associated with those plates. The use of the free
3 5 registration plates passes to the surviving spouse upon the
3 6 death of the veteran.

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